

Social Matters.

THE WEATHER.

FOR THE WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22.

Date.	Wind.	Thermometer.		
		7 a. m.	3 p. m.	6 p. m.
Thurs. Jan. 14.	S.	-13	14	8
Fri. " 15.	SE.	0	20	20
Sat. " 16.	S.	16	37	27
Sun. " 17.	S.W.	28	40	27
Mon. " 18.	N.	1	14	4
Tues. " 19.	SE.S.	6	20	24
Wed. " 20.	N.W.NE.	24	21	10

* The - before figures means below zero.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Oysters at Manney's.

Elastic starch at Bond Bro's.

Silverware at Marshall's.

Fur goods at cost, at Bond Bro's.

Lemons 25c. a dozen at Manney's.

Read Marshall's ad. and profit thereby.

Tube paints, 6c per tube, at Marshall's.

Enquire prices on flour at Bond Bro's.

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Grocery orders filled at low prices at F. A. Bond & Bro's.

Over 300 books sold the last three days at Marshall's.

Best tea very cheap for cash, at Case & Rider drug store.

Figs, oranges, new canned goods and oysters at Colby's.

Remember the new groceries at Vallette's block. Call and see.

NOTICE.—All ice bills due me must be settled at once. L. LAVOUCHE.

Odds and ends in boots and shoes, at less than cost, at Bond Bro's.

Slipper soles and stocking heel protectors, at BECKWITH & CO'S.

If you wish to save money, price prints and dress goods at E. R. Clay's.

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Stewart's cough cure; every bottle warranted; at the Case & Rider drug store.

Pontiac wool boots and stockings, sheep leggings, lumberman's overs, at Sheldon's.

All accounts due the old firm of Sheldon & Co. must be settled at once. W. H. SHELDON.

A full line of P. P. Stewart stoves at A. Calhoun's. Call and see them, the best heating stove in the market.

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F. W. Nash will open a fine stock of general merchandise at auction in the Vallette store, Monday evening next.

Agents wanted in a business where little or no capital is required. For particulars address lock box 708, Middlebury, Vt.

NOTICE.—All customers that want ice should come by Monday next, as I shall be ready. L. LAVOUCHE.

All the accounts of Earl & Barnum unpaid on the first of February will be left with Stewart & Wilds for immediate collection. C. D. EARL.

Cash paid for raw furs; also orders taken for comb foundation, at W. J. Thompson's store, Vergennes, every Saturday, by L. O. Thompson.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. E. M. Sayre and daughters have returned to their home in Proctor.

J. W. Pitts is taking a vacation and making a visit of several days in Brandon.

The principal local event of next week is the Supreme court session, which opens on Monday.

Samuel Brooks, who has been very sick for a week past, is better, but still not able to be out.

J. C. Thompson, sleight-of-hand performer and ventriloquist, gave a very good entertainment at the town hall last evening.

The price of butter in the local market, Monday, was about the same as the week before, from 14 to 20 cents according to quality.

The bee-keepers' meeting yesterday was well attended. An extended report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

Frank Parker, who has been at his uncle's, Prof. Parker, for several months, has gone to spend the winter with an aunt in Titusville, Pa.

Miss Eliza Stewart started yesterday for Washington. She will remain there several weeks and then visit friends in New Haven, Ct., before returning.

L. R. Burleigh of Troy, N. Y., has decided to publish the proposed lithographic views of Middlebury. The pictures will be ready for delivery in April or May next.

Fletcher, son of Rev. Mr. Noe, who has been in the store of H. C. Harris & Co., at Center Rutland since early in the fall, has given up the place and returned home.

During the progress of the special meetings now being held at the churches in our village the stores will be closed every evening, except Saturday, at 7 o'clock.

Prof. and Mrs. Eaton received their friends at their home, corner of South and South Main streets, on Saturday afternoon and evening last. A large number were present.

The Shepard family appeared at the town hall on Tuesday evening in a musical entertainment. Those who attended were well pleased with the performance. Owing to the storm and insufficient advertising, the attendance was small.

Another meeting to consider creamery matters will be held at the room in the basement of the town hall on the evening of Monday next, the 25th inst. It is hoped that all interested will be present, so that some definite action may be taken.

Letters addressed to the following-named persons have remained in the postoffice one month uncalled for: Miss Mary Amidon, Mrs. Carrie Jackson, Miss Mary M. Wright; S. P. Bradford & Co., Chamberlain & Co., R. N. Patterson, Mason Abbott Perkins.

The funeral of Alice May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Seeley, was attended on Wednesday afternoon from the home of the family in the south part of the town by Rev. Mr. Speare, assisted by Rev. Mr. Noe. She died on Monday of typhoid fever. Her age was 16 years.

Rev. Dr. Hamlin, late president of the college, was very agreeably surprised on his seventy-fifth birthday, which occurred recently, by the gift of \$500 in cash from friends in Lexington and vicinity to aid him in paying for the home he bought and now occupies at Lexington, Mass.

The snow-storm of Tuesday improved the sleighing somewhat, although the wind blew the snow out of the road in many places. Complaint is made that the roads in some spots are built so high and narrow that, while they are excellent in summer, the snow is apt to blow off them and leave bare ground.

The managers of the masquerade, which comes off at the town hall on Wednesday evening next, say the prospect is that the attendance will be larger than on any previous occasion of the same sort. The tickets for reserved seats go on sale at Hanford's tomorrow (Saturday) morning at nine o'clock, sharp.

Mrs. Laura Mead Parker, wife of Dr. E. M. Parker and daughter of Principal and Mrs. C. D. Mead, died suddenly on Saturday at her home in Brockton, Mass. The remains arrived here on the early train Tuesday morning, and the funeral was largely attended that afternoon from Mr. Mead's residence, Rev. Mr. Speare officiating. The age of the deceased was 22 years.

Herbert E. Smith, for some years in the employ of H. B. Dodge and latterly with Farnsworth & Co., has bought out Geo. E. Barnum's interest in the business of Earl & Barnum and will take possession on the first of February. Mr. Smith is a deservedly popular young man, well acquainted with the hardware trade, and the firm of Earl & Smith ought to succeed.

The so-called "alligator boy," who was on exhibition at the town hall last week, is said to be only a poor unfortunate whose limbs have been drawn out of shape by scrofula or a similar disease and whose skin is covered with scales caused by a hideous skin disease. It seems as if there ought to be some method of preventing such "monstrosities" from travelling about the country.

The Congregational and Baptist churches began union gospel meetings in the Congregational church on Tuesday evening. The pastors are aided by Rev. B. Fay Mills of West Rutland. The attendance has been large from the beginning and the interest marked. These meetings will continue through the week at 2:30 and 7 p. m. Mr. Mills remain over the coming Sabbath, preaching morning and evening. His methods are judicious, earnest, spiritual and successful. Similar labors have been greatly blessed in other places.

The Bible society meetings held at the Congregational church on Monday afternoon and evening were fairly well attended. It is to be regretted that more were not present, as the information given was of a sort not often obtainable. The speakers both afternoon and evening were Rev. Drs. Gilman and McLean of New York, secretaries of the American Bible society, and Rev. L. H. Elliot, secretary of the Vermont Bible society. The object of these meetings was to acquaint people with the work of the organizations, tell what had been done here and in foreign lands and explain the needs of the societies.

There was a hearing at the probate office Wednesday before Hon. Lyman E. Knapp, judge, in the matter of the will of Dr. E. G. Gale, who died here in November last. After the will had been proved an appeal was taken. It is expected the case will be tried at the June term of the county court. By this will, which was made in October, the month before he died, Dr. Gale left all his property to his wife, Adrian P. Gale, his son by his first wife, contests the will, but on what grounds does not yet appear. Hon. Geo. H. Durand of Flint, Mich., and Messrs. Stewart and Wilds are Mrs. Gale's counsel; and Col. Chas. D. Long of Flint and Messrs. Eldredge and Slade are the contestants' lawyers. Both the Michigan attorneys were present at Wednesday's hearing.

Quite a large number from this vicinity went down to the Western Vermont Masonic reunion at Fair Haven, Wednesday which was a pleasant assemblage of the fraternity. The officers chosen were: President, John H. Whipple of Factory Point; vice-presidents, John G. Pitkin of Fair Haven, T. W. Fletcher of Bridport, Gen. W. W. Henry of Burlington and Dr. W. S. Phillips of Arlington; treasurer, A. A. Fletcher of Middlebury; corresponding secretary, C. H. Holbrook of Brandon; recording secretary, George D. Babbit of Rutland; executive committee, H. G. Sheldon of West Rutland, E. C. Houghton of North Bennington, Dr. W. H. Kingsley of Middlebury, D. W. Bromley of Pawlet and Alfred Robinson of Bennington Center; finance committee, L. H. Billings of Hydeville, O. H. Black of North Rupert and C. W. Briggs of Brandon.

Green Mountain Lodge, No. 874 Knights of Honor, is in a more prosperous condition

at present than ever before. It was organized in 1878. For a number of years its membership was small and did not increase. Three years ago, when it had begun to grow somewhat, a hall was elegantly fitted up in T. M. Chapman's block. For the past three years the lodge has made rapid progress. The debt under which it long struggled has been paid and the new year opened with a clean balance-sheet. It has about 50 members, including some of the most substantial business men of the village and vicinity, who regard membership in the order as a cheap and safe kind of life insurance. It is not the largest lodge in the State, but none is believed to be composed of a better body of men or to have so handsome a hall. The officers for the current year were installed last Friday evening by A. E. Bailey of the grand lodge. They are: Dictator, Geo. L. Porter; vice dictator, C. P. Langworthy; assistant dictator, E. P. Cushman; reporter, A. K. Carr; financial reporter, O. H. Cushman; treasurer, F. C. Jackson; guide, W. M. Cushman; chaplain, J. T. Kingsley; guardian, A. M. Williamson; sentinel, C. J. Matthews.

The board of village trustees has organized by the choice of J. M. Slade chairman, and made these appointments: Attorney, L. D. Eldredge; superintendents of parks, A. A. Fletcher, J. B. Benedict; superintendent of lamps, L. F. Farnsworth; of clock, H. L. Sheldon; of pump, Allan

Calhoun; of stock at large, Messrs. Fletcher and Slade; to superintend the removal of snow from the sidewalks, Mr. Fletcher; fire-wardens, A. J. Marshall, T. M. Chapman, A. Calhoun, A. A. Fletcher, L. D. Eldredge, J. B. Benedict, Darwin Rider, L. F. Farnsworth; chief of police, T. M. Chapman; policemen, W. H. Cobb, C. A. Piper, Thos. Towle, F. A. Bond, C. N. Dickinson, Geo. S. Ayers, Allan Calhoun, Horace Cushman; surveyor, A. A. Fletcher. T. M. Chapman was appointed to inquire into the expediency of continuing the night police, and report. Fire-Wardens Benedict, Calhoun and Farnsworth were appointed to look into the condition of chimneys. Messrs. Slade and Eldredge were empowered to collect license fees and pay them into the village treasury. The circus bill-board question was discussed at some length. It was finally voted that, if any are erected, they shall be placed at the east end of the school-house park.

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for the purpose of choosing directors for the year

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